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SUBJECT: UK TO SEND FIVE REPRESENTATIVES TO NUCLEAR
SECURITY SUMMIT SHERPA MEETING

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¶1. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel joint demarche to Rhydian Phillips, Deputy Head of CBRN Security at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), on January 29, along with Political Counselor Birgitta Tazelaar of the Embassy of the Netherlands. Phillips thanked the U.S. and the Netherlands for the formal invitation to the third Nuclear Security Summit (NSS) sherpa meeting and confirmed that the UK would be attending. Phillips said that the UK would be sending five representatives to the meeting, although only three will be present in the conference room at any given time.

¶2. (SBU) Phillips said that the UK was actively engaging with a majority of countries involved in the NSS to underscore the importance of the Summit itself and of the drafting process leading up to it. Phillips offered UK help at the sherpa meeting and said that the UK was willing to lobby other countries as necessary, stressing that the UK, the U.S., and the Netherlands "see eye to eye" on the importance of the NSS and of the drafting process.

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